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MS: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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This paper is being filed:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 10, 2009.

If a fee is deemed to be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

- This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. \$1.97(c) or 37 C.F.R. \$1.97(d).
- A letter for payment of fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form(s) PTO-1449.

These references were cited in a search report in the corresponding PCT Application.

No. PCT/EP03/08005. Per Examiners request of February 26, 2009, copies of these references are enclosed herewith.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

Respectfully submitted,

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